

What is claimed is:

1. A method of processing an order comprising:
 - receiving an order indicating N items;
 - bundling the N items of the order as M unit(s), each unit comprising a collection of at least one item and M being a number lower than N; and
 - processing the order using the M unit(s) as a representation of the N items.
2. The method of claim 1 further comprising: after processing the order using the M unit(s), unbundling the M unit(s) into N items.
3. The method of claim 2 further comprising: after processing the order using the M unit(s), generating a notice indicating a number that is equal to N so that the number indicated on the notice matches the number N indicated on the order.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein processing the order using the M unit(s) includes decreasing an inventory count of the unit(s) by a value equal to M.
5. The method of claim 1 further comprising: shipping the N items together as one collective package.
6. The method of claim 1 further comprising: after processing the order using M unit(s), generating a notice indicating a number that is equal to M so that the number indicated on the notice mismatches the number N indicated on the order.

7. A method of processing an order comprising:
receiving an order indicating M unit(s), each unit comprising a plurality of individual items;
unbundling the M unit(s) of the order as N individual items, M being a number lower than N; and
processing the order using N individual items as a representation of the M unit(s).
8. The method of claim 7 further comprising: after processing the order using the N individual items, bundling the N individual items as M unit(s).
9. The method of claim 8 further comprising: after processing the order using the N individual items, generating a notice indicating a number that is equal to M so that the number indicated on the notice matches the number M indicated on the order.
10. The method of claim 7 wherein processing the order using the N individual items includes decreasing an inventory count of the items by a value equal to N.
11. The method of claim 7 further comprising: after processing the order using N items, generating a notice indicating a number equal to N so that the number indicated on the notice mismatches the number M indicated on the order.

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12. A method of processing an order comprising:
receiving an order that indicates X item(s);
translating and representing the X items(s) as Y item(s), Y being a number
having a different value than a number X;
processing the order using data representative of a value equal to Y.
13. The method of claim 12 wherein the value of X is higher than the value of
Y.
14. The method of claim 12 wherein the value of X is lower than the value of
Y.
15. The method of claim 12 further comprising: re-translating and re-
representing the Y item(s) as X item(s) after processing the order using data
representative of the value equal to Y.
16. The method of claim 15 further comprising: after processing the order
using data representative of a value equal to Y, generating a notice indicating a
number that is equal to X so that the number indicated on the notice matches the
number X indicated on the order.
17. The method of claim 12 further comprising after processing the order
using a value equal to Y, generating a notice indicating a number that is equal to Y so

that the number indicated on the notice mismatches the number X indicated on the order.

18. The method of claim 12 wherein processing the order using data representative of the value equal to Y includes decreasing an inventory count of ordered item(s) by a value equal to Y.

19. An order processing system comprising:

a receiver for receiving an order indicating N items; and

a processor for bundling the N items as M unit(s), each unit comprising a collection of at least one item and M being a number lower than N, and for processing the order using the M unit(s) as a representation of the N items.

20. The system of claim 19 wherein the processor unbundles the M unit(s) as N items after processing the order using the M unit(s) as a representation of the N items.

21. The system of claim 20 wherein the processor generates a notice indicating a number that is equal to N so that the number indicated on the notice matches the number N indicated on the order.

22. The system of claim 19 wherein the processor decrements an inventory count of the unit(s) by a value equal to M.

23. The system of claim 19 wherein the system enables the N ordered item(s) to be shipped together as one collective package.

24. The system of claim 19 wherein the processor generates a notice indicating a number that is equal to M so that the number indicated on the notice mismatches the number N indicated on the order.

25. A system for processing an order comprising:

a receiver for receiving an order for M unit(s), each unit comprising a plurality of individual items; and

a processor for unbundling the M unit(s) as N individual items, M being a number lower than N, and for processing the order using the N individual items as a representation of the M unit(s).

26. The system of claim 25 wherein the processor bundles the N individual items as M unit after the processing the order using the N individual items as a representation of the M unit(s).

27. The system of claim 26 wherein the processor generates a notice indicating a number that is equal to M so that the number indicated on the notice matches the number M indicated on the order.

28. The system of claim 25 wherein the processor decrements an inventory count of the ordered items by a value equal to N.

29. The system of claim 25 wherein the processor generates a notice indicating a number that is equal to N so that the number N indicated on the notice mismatches the number M indicated on the order.

30. A system for processing orders comprising:
a receiver for receiving an order that indicates X item(s); and
a processor for translating and representing the X items(s) indicated on the order as Y item(s), X and Y being numbers having different values, and for processing the order using data representative of a value equal to Y.

31. The system of claim 30 wherein the value of X is higher than the value of Y.

32. The system of claim 30 wherein the value of X is lower than the value of Y.

33. The system of claim 30 wherein the processor re-translates and re-represents the Y items(s) as X item(s) after processing the order using a value equal to Y.

34. The system of claim 33 wherein the processor generates a notice indicating a number that is equal to X so that the number indicated on the notice matches the number X indicated on the order.

35. The system of claim 30 wherein the processor decrements an inventory count of the item(s) in inventory by a value equal to Y.

36. The system of claim 30 wherein the processor generates a notice indicating a number that is equal to Y so that the number indicated on the notice mismatches the number X indicated on the order.